

Summary of Intel's Reply Comment

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For the 600MHz Band Plan, Intel supports:

"Down from 51" band plan approach:

- NPRM proposed multiple approaches, including Down from 51 and Split.
- The Split band approach is the lead FCC proposal
- Down from 51 approach has the most support in the comment record
 - Fewer operational concerns than the split approach

			Ch37				Ch51
Down From 51 approach				Guard Band	DOWNLINK	Duplex Gap	UPLINK
Split approach	Guard Band	DOWNLINK		Duplex Gap + TV Channels		Guard Band	UPLINK

Intel supports (continued):

Scalable national band plan:

- Flexible configurations (3-9 paired channels) depending on cleared spectrum.
- 3 Building Blocks:
 - #1 Primary building block: paired nationwide channels + duplex gap
 - Contiguous, in the Ch 38-51 range
 - #2 Can be TV & guard band, or additional mobile channels
 - Appends to #1 and fills in what's left above ch 37
 - #3 Additional mobile block below ch 37 for high clearing

Plus special-case modifications for TV to remain above ch37 in congested markets.

(more details to follow)

Intel supports (continued):

Protection bands (duplex gap and guard band):

- Maximize licensed use: no larger than technically reasonable.
- Excess size cuts into licensed spectrum allocation.
 - Duplex gap: Recommend 10-12 MHz wide
 - Determined by technical and practical filtering limitations
 - Challenging but feasible
 - Guard band: Recommend 10-12 MHz wide
 - Determined by technical and practical filtering limitations
 - Most challenging case: mobile DL adjacent to high power TV

Services in guard band or duplex gap:

Any operations/services permitted should:

- be well-defined prior to the auction
 - Promotes bidder confidence
- not cause harmful interference to adjacent licensed channels
 - Otherwise, spectrally inferior and not fungible.

Specifics of Intel's Scalable Band Plan Proposal and the 3 Building Blocks:

Note: Superscripts in following slides refer to page numbers in our Reply Comments.

Building Block #1. Primary Building Block

- Consists of nationwide paired spectrum in ch 38-51 range, plus duplex gap
- Optimal size determined from repacking & TV electing to go off air. (pg 13-14)
 - Maximize population coverage, minimize exclusion zones.
- Flexible: can accommodate 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 paired channels (pg 12-15)
 - >7 paired channels accommodated via Building Block #3

Example building blocks from our Reply Comment: 5 paired channels

- Building blocks expand/contract with more/less paired channels

28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	
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Building block #1 (Primary)										DL5 DL4 DL3 DL2 DL1 DG 12 MHz UL5 UL4 UL3 UL2 UL1														
Building block #2a										1 MW bcast	1MW bcast	GB 10 MHz												
Building block #2b										GB 2	SDL 1d	SDL 1c	SDL 1b	SDL 1a										
Building block #3a		1 MW bcast	1 MW bcast	1 MW bcast	1 MW bcast	1 MW bcast	1 MW bcast																	
Building block #3b		GB 11 MHz		SDL 2e	SDL 2d	SDL 2c	SDL 2b	SDL 2a																
Exclusion zone option 1 (replaces BB#1 in congested markets. Append BB#2a)														DL5	DL4	DL3 (DL only)	DL2 (DL only)	DL1 (DL only)	DG 12 MHz	UL5	UL4	GB 9 MHz		<50 kW bcast
Exclusion zone option 2 (replaces BB#1 in congested markets. Append BB#2a)														DL5	DL4 (DL only)	DL3 (DL only)	DL2 (DL only)	DL1 (DL only)	DG 12 MHz	UL5	GB 8MHz	<50 kW bcast	<50 kW bcast	

- BB #1 and #2 work together to cover ch 38-51
 - As BB#1 expands, BB #2 contracts, and vice versa
- If <84MHz clears, can be either SDL (Supplemental Downlink) or remaining TV stations.^(pg 6)
 - Choice depends on TV remaining above channel 37, by market
- If >84MHz clears, BB #2 becomes downlink for a second paired block
 - (Not shown in the graphic below)

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Building Block #3. (Appends to #2, via channel 37 which remains in place)

- Used for spectrum below Ch 37
 - When some markets clear >84MHz, but most don't.
- Can be either SDL or remaining TV stations (subject to exclusion zones).
 - Choice depends on TV stations remaining in ch 31-36.
- Flexible: supports other configurations (e.g. more paired channels (pg 6))
 - If 8 or 9 paired channels clear, BB#3 becomes uplink, BB#2 downlink.
 - This gives a second block of 3-4 paired channels

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Flexible support, up to 9 paired channels (or as few as 3)

Review: BB #1 + BB #2 covers ch 38-51; BB #3 covers below ch 37

- Ch 38-51 is 84 MHz: supports as few as 3 or as many as 7 paired channels
 - Straightforward adjustments to size of BB #1 and BB #2
 - BB #2 shrinks to zero if 7 paired channels
- For 8 or 9 paired channels, need more spectrum than Ch 38-51.
 - Repurpose BB #3 to increase range
 - Ch 37 disrupts continuity so a 2nd paired block is created
 - Uses BB #3 for uplink, BB #2 for downlink
 - 5 paired (from primary paired block) plus 3 or 4 paired from second paired block

NOTE: The impact of antenna issues (bandwidth, quantity, size), device form-factor, and interference varies as the band plan expands.

Congested Market Building Blocks (pgs 5, 7-8)

- Only used in certain congested markets
 - More TV remaining above ch 37 than BB #2 can accommodate
- Replaces BB #1 and retains same overall size, location.
 - Selected mobile uplink replaced with TV: downlink only.
 - Excludes channels rather than entire market
 - Otherwise: exclude entire market; or reduce paired channels nationwide due to a few congested markets
 - Highly congested markets may still need full market exclusion zone

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